

Eligibility of Organizations and Projects

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Organizations and Projects Eligible for Matching Grant Funds.

This grant program is required under section 401.113(2) (b) (1) and (2), *Florida Statutes*.

Under subparagraph (b) 1, the state pays 75% of approved budgets and all projects by both urban and rural based organizations must clearly improve and expand prehospital EMS. Replacement and ongoing operations cannot be FUNDED for these 75% grants.

Nonetheless, under subparagraph (b) 2, rural organizations can be considered for 90% grants and ALL types of prehospital EMS PROJECTS are ELIGIBLE.

Emergency medical services (EMS) organizations are public or private entities “involved” in EMS systems as cited in 401.107 (4), *Florida Statutes*. All such organizations, both public and private, are eligible for funding including but not limited to licensed EMS providers, trauma centers and other hospitals, EMS training centers, and youth athletic organizations.

The prehospital EMS projects may include but not be limited to increasing existing levels of EMS, evaluation, community education, injury-prevention programs, training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other lifesaving and first aid techniques.

Mandatory Criteria.

When applicable to an organization, the following criteria must be met for the application to be considered for funding.

1. The grant applicant shall be based in a rural county to be considered for 90% funding.
2. The applicant has received a letter endorsing the grant application from their Board of County Commissioners or the local EMS provider if not a licensed EMS provider.
3. The application is complete and signed.
4. The applicant demonstrates the grant will be used to reduce morbidity and mortality in the identified service area in an efficient and effective manner.
5. First responder organizations must attach a copy of their memorandum of understanding (MOU) with a licensed EMS provider. If there is no MOU, then documentation must be attached to the application that demonstrates the applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain one or that the applicant did not receive a response from the provider(s) in the area of operation.
6. Organizations that are Private Not-For-Profit must attach to their application, a copy of an IRS 501 (c) (3) letter or other legal documentation of this nonprofit status.

7. The applicant's responses for each item may not exceed the number of pages identified for the item. Letters of endorsement will not be counted as pages, but may be submitted.
8. The content of the application form shall be identical to the copy provided by the state EMS Program or from its web page. The applicant shall comply with all the instructions provided by the State EMS Program.